NETWORK CACHE-BASED CONTENT ROUTING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Methods and apparatus are described for routing data traffic in a network having a

5   plurality of layers including physical, data link, and network layers. The data traffic is

received and one of a plurality of routing options for the data traffic is selected with

reference to information outside of the physical, data link, and network layers. The data

traffic is then routed according to the selected routing option.

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